(d) if so, the States and persons to whom these benefits have been extended?

THE MINISTER' OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) So far, Antyodaya Anna Yojana has been implemented in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Punjab, Rajasthan and the Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu after completion of the task of identification of the beneficiary families and issue of distinctive ration cards to them. The number of families covered in these States/UTs is 38,91,919. The task of identification and issue of distinctive ration cards to identified beneficiaries is under progress in other States/ UTs.

Free Mid-day meals in primary schools

†1226. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made arrangements to provide food items at subsidised rates at the fair price shops;

(b) if so, the details of the States and the persons covered under it;

(c) whether Government would also consider to provide free midday meals to the students in primary schools; and

(d) if so, by when and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) Public Distribution System (PDS) is operated under the joint responsibility of Central and the State Governments/UT Administrations, while, the Central Government procures and make available certain essential commodities *viz.,* rice, wheat, sugar, kerosene and imported edible oils upto the designated depots of FCI, further distribution upto the fair price shops is done by the concerned States/UTs.

(b) A statement indicating the estimated number of BPL families and the APL/BPL ration cards issued State-wise is as per statement *(See* below).

(c) and (d) The National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (NP-NSPE) popularly known as the Mid-day Meal (MDM) scheme has been in operation since August, 1995. The scheme covers students of primary class (I—V) in the Government, Government aided and local body schools in the country.

Foodgrains (wheat and rice) at the rate of 100 grams per student per school day are distributed where cooked/processed hot meal is served, and 3 kgs per student per month where foodgrains arc distributed. The number of blocks covered under the scheme at present is about 6809. The quantity of foodgrains allocated and lifted during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 (upto June 2001) arc as under:

(in lakh tonnes)

Year	Allocation	Lifting
2000-2001	24.81	15.18
2001-2002 (Upto June 2001)	29.40	18.59

Statement *Slatewise no. of Households, BPL Households, Fair Price Shops and Rution Curds*

(As on 27.7.2001)

State/UT	Projected % Popu la* tion 2000 (in lakhs)	BPL as experts group	No house holds 2000 (in lakhs)	No. of BPL house-holds 2000 (in lakhs)	Fair Price Shops			Ration Cards (in lakhs)			No. of card per FPS	Rep-orted as on
					Rural	Urban	Total	BPL	APL	Total		
Andhra Pradesh	754.66	25.69	168.21	40.63	32860	7578	40438	113.60	63.97	167.67	414	Nov. 2000
Arunachal Pradesh	11.92	40.86	2.42	0.99	1032	103	1135	0.90	2.73	3.63	320	Mar. 01
Assam	261.96	40.86	40.93	18.36	28687	3660	32347	18.84	25.72	44.56	138	Jan. 01
Bihar	999.42	54.96	162.24	89.17	47293	10242	57535	84.26	88.74	173.00	301	Nov. 97
Goa	15.95	14.92	3.20	0.48	429	151	590	0.10	3.05	3.16	536	April, 01
Gujarat	482.52	24.21	87.67	21.20	10518	3750	14268	33.97	72.53	106.50	746	May, 01
Haryana	198.31	25.05	31.48	7.89	5212	2500	7712	5.38	37.96	43.34	562	May, 01
Himachal Pradesh	57.11	40.88	12.57	6.14	3884	260	3994	3.11	9.30	12.41	315	Feb., 01
J & K	99.45	40.86	18.02	7.36	2237	689	2925	3.36	10.12	13.48	461	Sept., 97
Karnataka	620.91	33.16	94.37	31.29	14912	5400	20312	62.86	49.55	112.41	553	May, 01
Kerala	322.62	25.43	61.10	16.64	12279	1982	14261	20.41	42.94	63.35	444	April, 01
Madhya Pradesh	79.47	42.52	141.15	60.01	21037	3863	24990	436.5	134.18	177.83	714	March, 00
Maharashtra	911.16	36.86	177.27	65.34	35005	10802	459.07	67.02	136.71	192.73	421	Oct., 00
Manipur	25.18	40.86	4.07	1.66	1753	175	1928	0.67	1.13	1.80	93	June, 97
Meghalaya	24.34	40.86	4.49	1.83	3257	572	3829	0.97	0.98	1.95	61	March, 97
Mizoram	9.52	40.86	1.67	0.68	771	232	1003	0.68	1.62	2.30	229	May, 01

State/UT	Projected Population 2000 (in lakhs)	% BPL as per experts group	No. of households 2000 (in lakhs)	No. of BPL households 2000 (in lakhs)	Fair Price Shops			Ration Cards (in lakhs)			No. of card per FPS	Reported as on
					Rural	Urban	Total	BPL	APL	Total		
Nagaland	16.84	40.85	3.02	1.24	138	213	351	0.%	1.05	201	573	March,
Orissa	358.57	48.56	67.91	32.98	20824	3841	24665	41.23	39.85	81.08	329	Dec. 99
Punjab	235.36	11.77	39.76	4.68	9514	4401	13915	5.01.	50.01	55.02	395	May, 01
Rajasthan	656.59	27.41	88.67	24.31	14403	4555	18958	22.97	81.36	104.23	550	June, 00
Sikkim	5.59	41.43	1.05	0.43	519	359	878	NA	NA	0.66	75	Oct. 97
Tamilnadu	617.74	36.03	138.82	48.63	21602	5981	27583	65.51	93.32	158.83	676	April,
Tripura	37.82	40.86	7.22	2.95	1185	174	1359	2.31	4.52	6.83	503	April,
U.P.	1701.88	40.85	273.61	111.77	65557	11905	77462	95.48	159.95	255.44	330	July, 98
West Bengal	790.06	36.66	145.23	51.79	15673	4842	20515	46.49	110.32	156.81	764	Oct, 00
A&N Island	3.86	3.47	0.81	0.28	2%	118	404	0.12	0.74	0.86	213	Oct, 00
Chandigarh	8.88	11.35	2.03	0.23	41	177	218	0.00	2.12	2.12	972	April,
D&N Haveli	1.90	60.84	0.36	0.18	78	NA	78	0.16	0.17	0.33	423	May, 01
Daman &	1.40	15.80	0.26	0.04	7	5	13	0.02	0.28	0.30	2308	May, 00
Delhi	139.64	14.69	27.82	4.09	428	2739	3167	NA	36.55	36.55	1154	Oct, 00
Lakshadweep	0.71	25.04	0.11	0.03	21	14	35	NA	0.13	0.13	371	May 01
Pondicherry	11.11	37.40	2.24	0.84	170	233	403	0.91	1.71	2.62	650	June, 01
Total	9969.44		1803.68	652.04	37141 2	91527	46293 9	730.85	1252.33	1983.84	429	